

Ancient Jews and how by Divine Agency they were led out of bondage. We linger over the pages that tell how the Jews suffered captivity in Babylon and were in the order of Providence restored to their homes. Why then should you think it of less interest to read how five millions of slaves in this nineteenth century, in this Christian republic, suffered the horrors of captivity, and were led out to freedom by the same hand that released the Jews from Egyptian and Assyrian tyrants. Is God dead that we cannot see His hand in this work? In the words of a prophet of old "Was God asleep or had He gone on a journey that *our* cry and wail of anguish reached not His ear?" By no means, for the arm of God was displayed in our emancipation. Lincoln was *our* Moses, and though no actual Red Sea parted its waters for our escape, no handwriting glowed on the walls the terror of rulers and despair of wise men, yet He who has promised to redeem the oppressed and break every chain was surely on the great battle fields of the rebellion, and at last delivered His people and smote the hands of our oppressors. The African's story of enslavement is one that has its lessons of profit for us all. It is a chapter of human history whose cruelties can never be more than rudely sketched. Its dark shadows of suffering will never be more than merely indicated by here and there a weak hand like my own. Millions of hearts wrung with unspeakable anguish have ceased to beat, millions of tongues that could have unfolded the most shocking tales of wretchedness are as silent now as the grave can make them. If here and there one like myself can set down somewhat of his bitter experience, somewhat of his trials and afflictions, is it not reasonable that people